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MADDEN, PROFESSOR F.C. CAIRO

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November 9th, 1909.

Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you for so kindly sending me the interesting information respecting the Arabic tradition concerning the affliction of Job. I was not aware of it before, and it will form an interesting item in the history of Syphilis, which we propose to trace in connection with the Historical Medical Exhibition.

Again thanking you for your kindness and the trouble you have taken on my behalf,

I am,

Yours very truly,

Prof. F.C. Madden, M.D., F.R.C.S.

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Cairo. EGYPT.

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CAIRO.

Dear Sir,

In connection with
your notice of the exhibition
of curious medical prints &c
which has just reached me
your picture The Torment of
Job. It is a tradition
among the Arabs that Job
did something to displease
God & ^{Allah} ~~the~~ as a punishment
gave him Syphilis, which
was to be on him & on all
his descendants for ever.

aware of this tradition &
think it will interest

You & remain

Yours faithfully

James C. Madden

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So deeprooted is this belief
that even at the present day
in the vilages this disease
is commonly called
~~the~~ 'marrad-sh-Argoub.'
or 'the disease of Job.'

Being thus a gift from God
no treatment can be expected
to be of any avail since
the very severe untreated
cases frequently met with
throughout Egypt.

If you were not already